

**RUSHVILLE CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
TUESDAY JULY 5, 2011  
5:30 P.M.**

The Rushville City Board of Public Works and Safety met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bostic called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., with Merlin Herbert answering role call. John Mull arrived later in the meeting. Also present were City Attorney, Ron Wilson, Mike Selke, WIFE Radio, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES \* \* \* \***

Minutes of the June 16, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Herbert made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bostic seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

Bostic invited everyone to the unveiling of the new "Welcome to Rushville" sign at Starkey Welding, this Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS \* \* \* \***

**Fire** — Jenkins reported on the 2 firemen on short term disability. Connolly should be returning to work in 4-6 weeks. Ford is scheduled for a doctor appointment tomorrow.

Jenkins has been in contact with Kathy Winning from Duke Energy regarding a grant for the training center.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS \* \* \* \***

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS \* \* \* \***

**Filing Fee for 1015 North Jackson Street** — Bill Todd said the committee has met and will be asking the community for suggested uses of the building. Todd stated that the building still needs to be made flood proof. Therefore, he will need to apply to DNR to reactivate the permit at a cost of \$200.00. Todd asked the Board for permission to reactivate the permit and to notify surrounding property owners. Herbert made a motion for the City to pay the fee to reactivate

the permit from DNR and to notify surrounding property owners. Bostic seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Melissa Conrad said the City and County had agreed to have a flood plain study done. She asked why not wait on that study. Todd said it will take 2–3 years and we want to expedite the matter to benefit the citizens.

Conrad said she received a copy of a letter from Ron Wilson that the City will stop payment for rent for the learning center to Rush Shelby Energy. Wilson said that the money was to be used only for a community center.

Conrad questioned why the payment is being stopped immediately when this was not discussed at the last Board of Works meeting. Bostic said that the lease was approved for a period of 13 months. Conrad said in the lease it says a 30 day notice was to be given if the lease was discontinued.

Bostic said Brad Smith has stepped down as chairman of the committee and Denny Corn is now the chairman.

Cindy Humphrey asked how “community center” was being defined. Wilson said it would be used for a number of things. That is what the committee is to determine. Humphrey also stated concerns regarding parking. She said if this was made into a community center wouldn’t we still have problems with parking? She asked the committee to take this into consideration when making a decision.

*Mull arrived.*

Ron Wilson said that all suggestions given from the public to the committee will be considered. Clemons asked if the committee would have a vote. Wilson stated that they would not have a vote but will make their recommendation to the City for the best use of the facility.

Ron Wilson said that the issue is not that we don’t want the learning center to be available for those who wish to use it. The issue is the proper use of the money and that the money is to be used for a community center and its capital assets according to the State Budget Agency.

#### **NEW BUSINESS \* \* \* \***

**16<sup>th</sup> Street Heritage Farm Easement** – A letter was reviewed from Butler Fairman regarding the last right-of-way for 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Mull made a motion to

accept the recommendation of Butler for the right-of-way for Heritage Farms. Herbert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before the Board of Works; Herbert made a motion to adjourn. Mull seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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MERVYN R. BOSTIC, MAYOR

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JOHN W. MULL, MEMBER

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MERLIN HERBERT, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER